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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Riggs House, Ebbitt House, Fairfax Hotel, Willard Hotel. John G. Carlisle announces that the Dem-

ocratic party "is preparing to move to the front and fight on living issues." For the absolute correctness and good grammar, someone should move to amend by striking out the word "on."

In addition to the figures of comparison already noted between Russia and Japan, it may be interesting to find that Russia has 200,000 fewer school children than Japan. And more than three times the population! Does that account for Japan's superior intelligence in fighting?

It is now assured that the insurance companies will be able to pay in full the losses in the Baltimore fire. The policies were wisely distributed, and no one company suffers a crushing blow. This is good news entire country, and may be contrasted with the crashes that followed the Chicago fire of 1871.

An immense oil painting of Grover Cleveland hangs in the executive mansion, but a Nebraska artist has just completed a ernment. portrait of William J. Bryan, painted on the smooth side of a kernel of corn. The size of these pictures typifies the relative importance of the two leaders in the minds of a large number of Democrats.

Secretary Taft has given a very sensible does murder exist in South Carolina; but to exterminate Moro slavery than the State Carolina is working to punish

Surely there is nobody in the Senate willing to make a party issue of intervention | doubt as to what course to pursue. in Santo Domingo. Some active steps in cessity; the laws of civilized warfare are at all hazards, and it has come to a point where the national honor must be protected British or French warship either on the even if some risk is taken.

There is a true nobility and unselfishness to be admired in a man who will go to any worry or even slight annoyance; but it has remained for an Indiana man to carry this trait to an extreme that is almost questionable. A man residing in Marion discovered that his wife wished to be rid and that she would probably have to poison him to accomplish it. Wishing to the trouble, the burdened conand the possible notoriety of the took it out of her hands and poisoned himself. Is not this true unselfishness and devotion?

the beginning of the civil war the British loaded with saltpetre to make powder with and refused to release them until after a spirited correspondence by cable had passed between Minister Adams and Secretary Seward. The text of Secretary Seward's alleged dispatch is given, and the story eays: "Adams communicated the cable to the British government and inside of half an hour Lord Palmerston, the premier, drove to the American minister's house, announcing that the ships were released, that the whole thing was a mistake." As there was no Atlantic cable in operation till 1866 the story seems rather lame. Perhaps the

alleged dispatches were sent by grapevine. reforms instituted by the Esher Commission in Great Britain will be to make King | mander who captured them and Congress Edward the head of the British army. The office of commander-in-chief is abolished Boston and confined in Fort Warren, but and a general staff created, the inspector | not for long. President Lincoln and Secregeneral of which reports directly to the tary Seward at once said that a serious King. It is expected that this will put mistake had been made and that the Ameran end to the constant friction between the lican contention against the British right army and the War Department. The sys- to board and search American ships had and that is a bad omen. Somehow when tem prevails in Germany, where the Kaiser been violated. They decided that the United any one is called a Napoleon other people placing their possessions under foreign prois "War Lord;" and, indeed, it once pre- States was in the wrong, that the prisoners valled in England, but was discarded when | must be surrendered and an apology made,

he was too lazy to desire it. Victoria's of the nation to which she belongs. sex kept her from the command, so Ed-

SENATOR HANNA.

The death of Senator Hanna will cause a shock throughout the country. It seems BY CARRIER-INDIANAPOLIS and SUBURBS. circles. Only a few weeks ago, at Columprived the Nation of public services that it | secrets. Daily and Sunday, one year..... 1.50 cannot well afford to lose.

ciliatory methods was distinctly for good, that. Rejected manuscripts will not be returned unintered as second-class matter at Indianapolis, his most sincere mourners.

> was easily the foremost man in the Senate | and not less than thirty-five years old. in the variety of his knowledge concerning reason to believe the country might have the benefit of Senator Hanna's services for many years yet.

It would hardly be amiss to say that the only sentimental side of character Senator Hanna ever showed was his love for Mc Kinley. The affection between the two men was remarkable and equally creditable to both. History affords few instances of closer friendship or more affectionate relations between two public men.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing in Senator Hanna's career was the manner in which he lived down and put under his feet the attacks made upon him in the campaign of 1896. Those attacks were the most vicious and violent ever made on any American in public life. His offense was being the friend and backer of William Mc-Kinley. For this he was caricatured and cartooned from one end of the country to another as a friend and ally of Satan. He did not reply to the attacks, but he lived them down. He did not resort to vituperation, he simply pointed to the record.

His death is more than a loss to the Republican party. It is a loss to the Nation and to the forces that make for good gov-

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL

Every modern war raises international ready raised by the present war is whether the Japanese are entitled to the surrender answer to the chronic "kickers" who wax as prisoners of the survivors of the two so indignant because this government "al- Russian cruisers which were sunk at Che lows slavery to exist among the Moros in mulpo last week, and who sought refuge Slavery does exist in some parts on three foreign warships-one British, one Italian and one French. The Japanese have made two or three demands for the surthe federal government is working harder | render of the men, claiming that as they could have killed all of them while they were in the water and only allowed them to escape from motives of humanity, they last accounts the commanders were in

> It is an established principle of international law that the ships of any nation on the high seas are, for purposes of jurisdiction, a part of the territory of the nation to which they belong, and this rule applies to warships in port as well as on the high seas. Therefore, a person aboard a high seas or in port is virtually in British or French territory. Suppose a prisoner of war should escape and make his way to British or French territory; it is doubtful it his surrender could be demanded. And these men were not technically prisoners, because they had not yet been captured. They were in peril of their lives, but they got away and got aboard the foreign ships.

The right of asylum is frequently claimed and extended by foreign ships to political refugees in time of revolution. It is never extended to criminals. The United States navy regulations contain the following:

The right of asylum for political refugees has no foundation in international law. In countries, however, where frequent insurrections occur, and constant instability of government exists, local usage A city contemporary has a story that at sanctions the granting of asylum, but even in the waters of such countries officers should refuse all applications for asylum authorities detained three American ships except when required by the interests of humanity in extreme or exceptional cases,

such as the pursuit of a refugee by a mob. The case at Chemulpo was not one of revolution but of open war. The fugitives were not political refugees nor were they pursued by a mob, but they were in imminent peril of their lives and had a good claim for asylum on the ground of human-

In 1861, when the commander of a United States armed ship boarded the British mail boat Trent and removed therefrom Messrs. Mason and Slidell, rebel emissaries bound for England, Great Britain at once began One of the most important War Office of the rebels was hailed as a victory. The secretary of the navy thanked the comdid the same. The prisoners were taken to

to resume the position, and as for William, ship on the high seas is part of the territory on which they were writing grew yellow

ward is the first sovereign in more than the facts in the case it is doubtful if Japan a century to be at the head of the army. has a right to demand the surrender of the of Parliament, because it is already legal, foreign ships. It would be a questionable rescue Russians from drowning only to turn them over to the Japanese.

MR. TAGGART PICKS THE NOMINEE. While in St. Louis making arrangements but yesterday that he was one of the most | for the Indiana delegation at the Demo-

stalwart figures in business and political cratic national convention, our esteemed Zion City may ultimately be combined with fellow-citizen and brother journalist, bus, O., he was the marshal of political Thomas Taggart, submitted to an interview forces and the modest recipient of political regarding the Democratic candidate for honors in circumstances that seemed to President. Having been thoughtful enough portend for him long life. His cutting to take his key along with him, he let the prevailing in the vicinity of Senator Gordown has been very sudden and has de- reporter in on the ground floor of party

Mr. Taggart admitted to the reporter that Senator Hanna represented the school of he could as certainly name the nominee as modern American statesmanship. He was he can write his own name, but that he a business man for many years before he | must decline to say who it would be. When entered politics. He was a practical rather he was asked what were Senator Gorman's than an academic statesman. He was not | chances he replied in a mysterious manner, ashamed to have it understood that he "What made you mention his name?" Now, represented the commercial spirit of the that may mean two or three things, acage and the commercial interests of the cording as one emphasizes it. It might United States. As a business man he saw mean that Gorman was the very man Mr. that this was the dominant idea of the Taggart had in mind, and that the intertwentieth century and he cheerfully viewer had guessed right the first time, or adopted it. His influence in the labor world | it might mean that his name was not to be as a large employer and friend of con- considered at all. Mr. Taggart let it go at

When he first entered politics he was | When asked how about Senator Cockrill, unknown except as a successful business of Missouri, Mr. Taggart rather dodged the man and a large employer of labor. Be- question, saying he would not dare to oncause he had prospered in business he was | pose Senator Cockrill in his own State, and represented by cartoonists as a worshiper he would not like to complicate matters of money, an oppressor of the poor and a by declaring for him as the nominee. He tyrant among his employes. The very was equally noncommittal as to other peropposite was true. Senator Hanna was suc- | sons who were named, but he went so far cessful in business because he was a nat- as to say that the person he had in mind ural captain of industry, but as an em- | was not a dark horse. "It will be a man," ployer he was exceptionally kind, consid- said Mr. Taggart, "that is right in front | the American girl "eclipses the damsels of The world does not know much of any | He might have given the reporter a pointer man's private life, but Senator Hanna had by telling him that the nominee will be a become a great figure in public life, and natural-born citizen of the United States

It is hardly fair for reporters to prod the great business interests of the country Mr. Taggart in that way regarding future and in his grasp of matters relating to events that have been revealed to him under them. Such men are needed in public life, pledge of secrecy. By a slip of the tongue and until a very short time ago there was he might let the secret out, and then the convention would become a purely per-

Much attention is being paid to Russia's Black sea fleet, but it is hardly worthy the press attention it is receiving. Six of the eight battleships of which it consists are from ten to seventeen years old, and of the others one was built in 1895 and one in 1899. Two are rated at about 12,500 tons each, four at a little over 10,000 tons and the other two at a little less than 9,000 tons each. Armament and speed are so widely at variance as to forbid their operation as a unit. Being constructed solely with a view to operations in the Black sea, their radii of action are small. Two could travel 3,-980 knots at a speed of ten knots an hour on their maximum coal capacity. None of the others could make anything like such a ourney without fuel replenishment. Three are believed to be unseaworthy on account of tremendous armor and armament weight, and two only are believed to be capable of service. Thus, even should Russia be permitted to move them-or should she force their way-through the Dardanelles, they are hardly to be considered as an important factor in the naval equation.

MINOR TOPICS.

It is sad news for a host of theater-goers that Viola Allen may be incapacitated for further acting by a case of mastoiditis which had been allowed to go too long uncared for. The ailment has been peculiarly prevalent this winter and is no light affliction. If you have a violent earache, with a swelling below the ear at the point of the jaw, go to a doctor immediately; he will probably be able to nip it in the bud.

Four young women who were in danger of freezing to death near Geneseo (N. Y.) flagged a train with a red flannel petticoat and were saved. How does it happen that pens to have a red flannel petticoat? The should be treated as prisoners of war. At Journal is assured by those who should know that these articles are seldom worn nowadays; and yet when a train is to be most enterprises is furnished by Siberian flagged the red flannel always appears.

na. Paris, Berlin and Lisbon this summer, and the St. Louis papers are fuming because he is not coming over to see the exposition. Perhaps Edward is wise and prefers a quiet little vacation trip to the heat. encounter at St. Louis.

An excellent idea in horticulture comes from an inspired genius in Rhode Island. Russian oil and cigarettes where before He says that cherries can be saved from cause birds prefer mulberries. That would be a great scheme were it not for the fact that mulberries do not ripen until long after the cherries are gone.

The false report of the fall of Port Arthur is said to have been traced to Indianapolis, A New York paper comments sarcastically War news originating in Indiana is at least as credible as that originating in New York: and it has the added recommendation of a certain literary value.

When a paragrapher makes a joke he gram says "Japan seems about to execute a will not stand by his own indiscretions.

announces that sewage is death to typhoid cago turns things topsy-turvy again, and sewer refuse as a typhoid antitoxin.

A Harrisburg (Ill.) man went into a trance and after twelve hours awoke and gave a vivid description of heaven, where NEUTRAL SHIPS AT he said he had been visiting. This might be to prepare for war to enforce their sur- | believed if he had been an Indiana man; render. In the United States the capture but, since he lived in Illinois, what did he want to come back for?

> A tuberculosis specialist of St. Louis says that whisky is good for consumption. Does he mean just that, or that it is good for consumptives? Until this point is settled it will be well for the weak-lunged to leave it

They hailed Daniel J. Sully as "the Napoalways look forward to a Waterloo.

It is said that the reporters and editors of George IV was not trusted by Parliament | ognition of the principle that the deck of a | the night of the fire until the "copy" paper | eign flags.

A Massachusetts state officer was offered The change will be made without an act | Russians who found refuge on board the | an increase of salary, but refused it on the | ground that he was already receiving all his and in England no laws perish through dis- sort of humanity for the foreign ships to services merited. Comment is being withheld until the auditing committee has completed its hastily-begun examination of his First Report Received at St

> The whole country will rejoice at the news that the Dowieites are about to turn their Salt Lake, and this government will have them both where it can keep its eye on

From the deathlike quiet that has been man for the last few weeks it is evident that he was one of those who saw his shadow on groundhog day and crawled

makes a specialty of statistics says that follows: Senator Morgan speaks very slowly-only

A South Dakota oil company bored for oil will raise sugar beets, getting water for irrigation and power for the factory from the well. Providence himself can't beat an oil

It is said that John D. Rockefeller is espeis easy to believe when it is remembered saw two Japanese vessels sinking at sea. that the first verse of that composition concludes with the words, "I shall not want."

English poets. When a man begins writing | ly wounded. parodies it is almost a sure sign that he is Port Arthur and wake up. Editor Labouchere, of London, says that

getting from other London papers. A Chicago waiter has inherited a million dollars. Aha! The public is avenged! For he will have to begin handing out tips him-

Again the old argument about fish being an excellent brain food has been revived. The Japanese eat great quantities.

self now, and he will find out how it feels.

RUSSIA PLAYS FAST AND LOOSE WITH FOREIGNERS

They Have No Rights in Manchurian Metropolis-Permitted There Only on Sufferance.

AMERICAN GOODS TABOO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- What the Russians have accomplished at Harbin, the great inland metropolis of Manchuria, is told in a report to the State Department by

Mr. Miller, the American consul at Niu-Harbin is on the Sungari river, at the junction of the Manchurian branch of the Siberian Railway and the Chinese eastern branch, whence it starts south to Dalny, Port Arthur being distant from the last point six hundred miles. Mr. Miller says Harbin is destined soon to become the commercial center of Manchuria, as it is the rounded with a righ and productive agricultural country, producing corn, beef, oats, of grazing lands. Of the administration of cabin when the Variag went down. this metropolis Mr. Mfller says: "It is as distinctly a Russian city as

though it were located in the heart of Rus- | blew up. sta, and none but Russians and Chinese are permitted to own land, construct buildings or engage in any prominent enterprise. The city has been created by the Russian government under the management of the Manchurian Railway Company. The land for many miles in each direction has been se- | Japanese claim in turn that the Korietz cured against foreigners, who are not rec- fired first, ognized as having any rights whatever, but are permitted there merely on sufferance." With a population in 1901 of 12,000 Harbin, by the census of last year, showed a population of 60,000, exclusive of soldiers, only seven hundred being foreigners. There are no Americans. The city has elegant administration buildings, railway shops costing over a million dollars, hospitals, commercial, technical, Russian and Chinese the British vessel. schools, clubs, hotels and a bank, representing a total investment, in buildings alone, of \$15,450,000. The capital of the fore-

Harbin was started primarily as a military center and an au Edward VII is going to visit Rome, Vien- | for the government and direction of railway affairs. Its marvelous commercial development was an afterthought. Consul

Miller, in conclusion, says: tinually enlarging and increasing in number; when you see the numerous breweries being constructed; when you see Russian the dust and the terrible crowd he would engines and German, Austrian and Danish machinery and products, and hear of the successful development of Russian lumber mills and the introduction of Russian cotton goods, and see in the Chinese stores were American, and where you hunt with straining eyes to find something from the United States, one is not seriously impressed with the statement that under Russian occupation our imports into Manchuria are sure to increase."

> SHARP ADV ANCE IN MEXICAN DOLLARS

on the fact, but with little justification. War in the East Results in Their Withdrawal from Trade in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The Insular Buought to stand for it. The New York Tele- reau of the War Department is informed that the value of the Mexican dollar at pas Seoul," and then backs down and pro- Hong-Kong to-day is 4814 cents, a jump of tests that the remark was contributed. The two points since Saturday noon. This Journal has no patience with a man who places the coin on a practical parity with can dollar practically has advanced from 37 A professor of the University of Chicago | cents to its present figure within a year. This last increase is explained at the War Department by the statement that the war germs, and that one of them could not live has caused a heavy drain. Chinese and two days in a polluted stream. Thus Chi- Japanese merchants converting much of their stock into cash to be prepared for emergencies. The result is expected to be we shall soon be using stagnant pools and the practical extirpation of the Mexican having to decide or not to support Russia. dollar in the Philippines, an object very much desired, for a heavy import duty on PAYNE FOR NATIONAL Mexicans will keep them out of the islands once they are drawn off.

PORT ARTHUR RELEASED

YING-KOW, Sunday, Feb. 14.-The administrative authorities at Port Arthur timated that Viceroy Alexieff will not recognize the consuls in matters relating to Port Arthur and Manchuria The Russians are commandeering supplies

In the light of these principles and of the facts in the case it is doubtful to the case it

Petersburg That Was Not Sent Out by Alexieff.

APANESE SHIPS STRUCK

Further Details of the Chemulpo Engagement — Dispute Over Who Fired the First Shot.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15 .- The first unofficial account of the battle off Port Ar-One of the Washington reporters who telegram dated Port Arthur, Feb. 9. It

100 words a minute. But he generally makes | squadron of fifteen vessels began the bomup for that by using more minutes than bardment of Port Arthur. Our squadron and fortresses replied and the battle lasted forty minutes.

"The Japanese squadron could not stand and struck water instead. So the company the well-placed first fire of our fleet, and particularly of the forts, and began a rapid seriously damaged, and according to the testimony of an eye-witness, five other cially fond of the Twenty-third Psalm. This | Boats belonging to the port report that they

"Our losses afloat were two officers wounded, one so slightly that he continued fighting, six men killed and fifty-four Kipling is writing parodies on the early wounded. In the forts two men were slight- Durbin, State Chairman Goodrich and

getting lazy; Rudyard should take a trip to did no damage, but frightened the inhab- engaging actively with President Willard a brief trip to Washington to arrange some was heard at sea."

erate and just. His employes will be among to-day." His last word was that he could all other nations." This will offset some of bulletins circulated by the Novycrai have tee of the National League voted to hold quarters yesterday, announced that a meetname the nominee with absolute certainty. the hard knocks American girls have been begun to tranquillize the people. No attempts have been made by the Japanese to land on the Kwang-Tung peninsula. "The repairs to the ships damaged by the torpedo attack are preceeding rapidly. Captain Beliaief, of the Korletz, writing to relatives Jan. 9, said: "I am ready to go to sea at any minute. From day to day we have been expecting a fight with the Japanese. We expect sudden attacks without a previous declaration of war. The wooden fittings are being taken ashore. We have no armor; our strength is only in the guns and the courage of our men. We Russians often depend on courage and the outcome is all right. It may happen that it will not fail us now. I shall do all possible. If they send us to the bottom say a good

> RUSSIANS LOCKED IN CABIN OF THE VARIAG

SEOUL, Feb. 10 .- (Delayed in transmission.)-The Russian consul at Chemulpo is now guarded by Japanese troops. To-day all the other Russians in the city have been ordered into one large house where they will be detained, awaiting action of the authorities as to their disposal. The Russian minister at Seoul has been requested by the Japanese minister, through neutral legation, to withdraw, and he has

Seoul to-morrow. There are now on board the French cruiser manders, fourteen officers and thirty-one nen are wounded. Six wounded men have already died.

It is now known that the Russian cruiser Variag had forty men and one officer, a killed during the recent engagement off Chemulpo. This officer was a midshipman named Niron, and not Muro, as geographical center, and that the city on stated erroneously in a previous dispatch. all sides, for hundreds of miles, is sur- | The Variag had sixty-four men wounded, among them Captain Rudenf, who was in command of the cruiser. His wounds are barley, beans, millet, hemp, tobacco, vege- | not considered serious. The Russian dead, tables and some fruits. The vicinity also with the exception of the young officer who abounds in minerals, timber and large areas | fell on the bridge, were locked up in the Several men were seen on board the Korietz, it is said, an instant before sh

> has protested against an alleged breach of neutrality on the part of the Japanese. The Russians say the Japanese fired first, dispatching two torpedoes at the Korietz when she tried to leave the harbor on the 8th. The There is no news of the arrival of any more Russian troops in Korean territory

The commissioner of customs at Chemulpe

and Seoul remains quiet. The Japanese have demanded the use of several government bulldings in this city to be used as barracks for the troops.

On the English and Italian cruiser are a number of Russian refugees, just how many is not known. Only the wounded are on

FRENCH ALLIANCE WITH RUSSIA IS CONDEMNED

"When you see the great flour mills, con- | Socialist Party, Which Holds Balance of Power. Wants the Treaty Denounced.

SPEECH BY M. JAURES

PARIS, Feb. 15 .- M. Jaures, leader of the Socialist party (which holds the balance of power in Parliament), until recently vice president of the Chamber, has made a declaration contemplating the immediate The demonstrations have been made by denunciation of the Franco-Russian al- newsboys, wearing bells, who are conliance, which has attracted a great deal of tras," which are issued frequently by the attention in diplomatic circles. The decla- papers. These are eagerly read and ocration was made at St. Etienne, where the

According to the St. Etienne Tribune, the | Japanese triumphs was called for Wednes-"Elapsed years, past events and experience have demonstrated that Germany, from police intervened and dispersed the crowd which aggression was to be expected, does without the occurrence of any disorder. not wish for war. Experience shows that | The Russians in Japan are not terrified by the alliance with Russia, which had been the situation, but nevertheless, acting on directed, above all, first against Germany, the advice of their consuls, they have behas lost the reasons for its existence." gerous. Let us defend ourselves." Petit Republique, but whatever were M. guished when in the neighborhood of troop Jarues's exact words, his condemnation of | trains. Members of the reserve force imthe Franco-Russian alliance will have a mediately step into the places of the outdecided bearing should it become necessary | going regulars. Their organization is per-

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Postmaster General to Conduct the · Work Preliminary to Republican National Convention.

Daily News from Washington to-day says: at New-Chwang and the Chinese are work until the assembling of the Repubalarmed and are closing their shops and lican national convention. At that time road in Manchuria. Thousands of Japanese Russian residents of New-Chwang, fear- with the election of a chairman at that time, ing that the army will be unable to protect | the name of Secretary Shaw, former Gov. | George III became mentally unsound. and it was done. That was a distinct rec- the Baltimore Sun stuck to their desks on their treasure under the jurisdiction of forthem and their property, are depositing | Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, and Gov- | A large body of troops is due in Nagasaki

THE DRIFT OF POLITICS

the sole topic of conversation last evening | Lergue. were universal. It was a notable tribute to Vice President James J. Sheridan in the senator that even men who differed rad- charge. ically with him on political questions, and who had fought him vigorously for eight long years, joined in expressions of regret at his death and in speaking highly of his personal character, marked ability and political acumen.

sociation were at the Columbia Club last are for Penrose for chairman because we ciation; A. R. Keesling, of Logansport; Jul- head of its organization. ian D. Hogate, of Danville, and H. M. Mr. Moore was formerly a newspaper the work of the press bureau maintained by | Philadelphia and was elected city treasurer. thur on Tuesday last has been received in a | rich had merely asked that the committee | ernor Pennypacker's campaign. lay any suggestions before him that it might have to offer. The committee in turn had sent out a circular to the Republican "At 11:30 o'clock this morning a Japanese editors of the State, asking them for sug- of the Howard county Republican organizagestions, and the replies were given to the tion, was in the city yesterday and called

While the definite plans for the press bureau for the coming campaign have not been officially announced, it is understood that the work will be carried on along the line followed heretofore, with George B. H. Sanders, of Marion, who has a reputa- that his information ceased with knowledge Lockwood in charge as superintendent. W. retirement. The Japanese flagship was the State, will be identified with the bureau.

J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, pres-Japanese ships were considerably injured. | ident of the National League of Republican Clubs, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the English Hotel.

"On behalf of the National Republican League," said Mr. Moore last night, "I came here to pay my respects to Governor | The judge says that he has received enothers prominent in the Republican party "The bombardment of the forts and town of Indiana and Indianapolis, preparatory to paigh. In a day or two he will leave for itants. At intervals during the night firing McGuire, Secretary George D. Heilman and will return at the earliest possiblte date to the representatives of the Indiana National | resume his canvass.

The dispatch adds that the temper of the | League. army and navy is excellent, and that the "At Chicago in 1903 the executive commit- State Chairman Goodrich, while at headafter my return to Philadelpha. We shali fix two days in October agreeable to the Indiana League, holding two day sessions of the convention and two night mass meetings. As the presidential campaign will at that time be at its height we anticipate a great Republican demonstration. While Indiana Republicans regard Indiana as a safe State, the same feeling of confidence is not entertained by Republicans beyond its borders. We believe the State to be debatable ground just as New York is de batable, and as the campaign progresses it will doubtless become the cynosure of political attraction. The situation will be all the more interesting if Indiana is represented on the presidential ticket. "So far as the National League is concerned it will work in conjunction with the league of Indiana and the regularly con-

more than half a million members throughout the country and are enrolling new clubs in all the States and Territories. These will be represented at the Indianapolis conven-Mr. Moore attended the Ohio State League convention at Cleveland on Friday of last week and the Indiana convention at Evansville on Saturday. He said the Ohio convention passed resolutions pledging the support of that body to President Roose-The Indiana League could not pass such a resolution, he said, because the constitution forbids the indorsement of candidates prior to their nomination. This was in line with the laws of the National League, and avoided conflicts with the regconsented to do so. He will probably leave ular party organizations. The indorsement in Ohio, he said, was merely a ratification

of the action already taken by the State convention. It was the same kind of action as had been taken in Pennsylvania and in other States where the regular party organizations had declared themselves. The national president spoke enthusiastically of the Evansville convention and its effect upon the younger men of the party. league is the young man's tunity for useful and patriotic political services." he said, "having the hearty indorsement of the President and of Senator Hanna, as chairman of the Republican nathe details of the Indianapolis convention would be left entirely with President Mc- I situation.

JAPAN READY TO PLACE 300,000 MEN IN THE FIELD; WAR MOVEMENTS SECRET

Extraordinary Activity and Hopefulness Displayed by the Tokio Government.

WORK OF ARMY AND NAVY

All Merchant Steamers Are Being Converted Into Well-Armed Auxiliary Cruisers.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15 .- A dispatch from Nagasaki, dated Friday, Feb. 12, states that absolute reticence is maintained by the government. An intense war feeling prevails among all classes, although there is an apparent absence of excitement. Among the striking features of the situation are the strict censorship which is exercised over all cablegrams and the close concealment of military and naval movements. It has been the government's policy to have the news of the naval conflicts come as a complete surprise. The Japanese themselves did not know the destination of the warships. The news of the Japanese successes has caused suppressed exultation. stantly scurrying through the city with "excasional shouts of 'Bansai," the Japanese

hurrah, are heard on the streets. A torchlight procession in honor of the day evening at Nagasaki, where there is a large colony of Russians. When the Japanese began to assemble with lanterns the gun a general exodus.

According to the Petit Republique, a So- The mobilization of the Japanese army cialist paper of Paris, Mr. Jaures said: "Do has been carried out methodically. It is nothing which will provoke Japan and noth- estimated that 300,000 troops are now ready ing which will provoke England, and then to be placed in the field without impairing my thanks once more for all the cordial denounce the alliance that has become dan- the national defenses. The movement of the hospitality shown me during my sojourn troops is shrouded in secrecy. They are French politicians recognize that there is being moved at night toward their bases considerable difference between the St. at Sasebo, Kuremiji and Yokusuka, and Etienne Tribune's report and that of the the lights of ordinary trains are extinfor France to be placed in the position of | feet and a full equipment is ready for each one of the reserves. Hundreds of hotels, teahouses and tem-

ples have been requisitioned in Tokio and other divisional centers. All the steamers of Japanese merchant lines are being rapidly converted into auxiliary cruisers, armed with quick firing guns and fitted with torpedo tubes. The government officials refuse to give out any information regarding their mill-

tary intentions. They expect to profit by dent Roosevelt, the men are keeping their dissensions in the Russian council of state. It is believed the extraordinary powers conferred on Viceroy Alexieff will lead to a clash between Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and General Kouropatkin, especially CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- A dispatch to the as the latter is unfriendly to Alexieff. The result of a disagreement between these two Russian leaders here would end in a military muddle. The Japanese are convinced that the Rus-

sians will be unable to concentrate and maintain 50,000 troops at any important point of military operations. There is much talk current in regard to the possible dynamiting of the Russian railwho are practically undistinguishable from chairman will be chosen. In connection | Chinese are working in Manchuria and would willingly risk their lives to aid their

country's cause. on Saturday to embark on transports for

The death of Senator Hanna was almost | Gure and his colleagues of the Indiana The National League will have headquararound the hotel lobbies and clubs, espe- ters at Chicago during the June convention cially where men actively interested in poli- of the Republican party, and Mr. Moore left tics got together. Expressions of sorrow last night for that city, to make arrangements to open the headquarters there with

Mr. Moore suggests Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, as excellent timber for the chairmanship of the Republicat national committee, to succeed the late Senator Hanna. "Pennsylvania is for Penrose," he Several members of the executive commit- said, "and we find a strong and growing tee of the Indiana Republican Editorial As- sentiment for him all over the country. We evening. In the party were Walter S. Mont- believe the party needs a young, aggressive gomery, of Greenfield, president of the asso- and resourceful man, such as he is, at the

Smith of Greencastle. They met with State | writer in Philadelphia. He drifted into poi-Chairman James P. Goodrich to talk over ities, became secretary to the mayor of the Republican state committee. No action He stands close to Senator Quay and had of any kind was taken, as Chairman Good- an active hand in the management of Gov-

E. A. Simmons, of Kokomo, chairman at the State headquarters in the Stevenson building. He said that the Republicans of his county selected their delegates to the State convention Saturday, but when no was asked where the delegates would line up in the gubernatorial race he indicated tion as one of the ablest editorial writers in of their election. "I don't know that our delegates are pledged to either of the candidates for Governor" he said.

> Judge W. L. Penfield, of Auburn, the Twelfth district candidate for Governor, was in the city yesterday in conference with a number of his friends. He made arrangements for headquarters at the English during the state convention, couragement from every section of the State, and from now until the day of the convention he will make an active camof his affairs that demand attention, but

+ + + called for this week owing to the death of Senator Hanna. The meeting will probably be held early next week.

Deputy Revenue Collector Al Phillips, of Noblesville, was in the city yesterday.

Col. Charles A. Carlisle, of South Bend, was in the city yesterday and called at the Governor's office. He was deeply interested in hearing the bulletins from Senator Hanna's bedside during the day, and joined in the general expression of sorrow when the

last sad news came, "I am shocked, but not surprised, at the senator's death." he said last evening. 'When it was first announced that he was suffering from typhoid I felt that he would stituted Republican organization. We have never recover. I was in Washington a few weeks ago at the Gridiron Club dinner, and the senator was there. In the course of the evening I went around to speak to him, and as I leaned over the back of his chair he reached up his hand and touched my face, saying: 'I wish I had health and vigor like yours, young man.' I noticed that his hand was feverish and spoke of it, 'Yes,' he replied, 'I feel that way all over. There was that in his voice which showed that he was deeply concerned over his physical condition at that time, and it was not surprising to me that he was unable to combat the attack of typhoid."

+ + + "Jim" Johns, of Tipton, was a caller at Republican state headquarters yesterday.

+ + + E. F. Branch, of Martinsville, who represented Morgan county in the House during the last session of the Legislature, was at the English last night. He says he is a candidate for renomination.

"I have decided to ask for a return to the Heuse," he said, "and many of the Republicans of the county have been kind enough to say that I'll be renominated by acclamation. At any rate, I have no opposition at present, and, so far as I know, tional committee." Mr. Moore added that | there are no prospective candidates, Of course. I am very well content with that

JAPANESE REPORTED TO HAVE SUNK EIGHT AND TAKEN TEN MORE SHIPS

(CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE.) had been allowed to use Wei-Hai-Wei as a ise of operations against Port Arthur. Tho commander-in-chief added; "Wei-Hai-Wei did not know operations were proceeding until I notified them, In fact Wei-Hai-Wei's first direct knowledge of belligerent proceedings was the visit of the steamer Fuh-Ping to report the cir-

cumstances of her being fired on when

leaving Port Arthur. The air here is full of baseless rumors, obviously deliberately con-SENTIMENTS OF ITO

TOWARDS AMERICANS TOKIO, Feb. 15,-Marquis Ito to-day gave

the Associated Press a written expression

of his sentiments toward the American peo-

ple as follows:

"It is with profound satisfaction that I see so many symptoms of spontaneous sympathy with which the free-thinking people of your great Nation seem to watch the present crisis. In my opinion it was evident that Russia's high-handed attitude toward the harmony of the East, combined with her recent strenuous military efforts hereabouts, has been becoming a daily menace to our future safety and peaceful existence. Either to enter into a cordial and durable understanding with her, clearly defining and mutually recognizing the respective spheres of interests and binding her thereby to a certain amount of selfrestraint in the future, or else to have recourse to measures for safeguarding our future independence ere it was too late was the drastic dilemma from which we could not longer escape. "We have tried our best to obtain our object by the first alternative, and we have sacrificed much energy and time and many opportunities for the sake of peace. Having failed, however, there remains no other way for us but to stand up in defense of our own future safety and our own future undisturbed enjoyment of the fruits of

which in the course of their past history must have had many experiences of noble struggles in defense of the honor and safety of their countries. "I take this opportunity of expressing

peace and civilization. No trace of race

prejudices, no smack of revenge, of chau-

vinism, nothing but the cool reason of state

necessity and of self-preservation influenced

Japan's action. The rest we leave to the

impartial judgment of civilized nations,

SIXTY CHICAGOANS MAY FIGHT FOR JAPAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- The Post says sixty Chicagoans, many of them veterans of the Spanish-American war, it is said, will leave this week for Japan. Five former members of the Illinois National Guard and regular and volunteer armies of the United States leave to-night for the Pacific coast ports, where they will sail for the Orient. Owing to the neutrality proclamation of Presiplans a secret, but it is intimated that the purpose is to join the Japanese forces.

Will Accompany Japanese Armies. LONDON, Feb. 15.-The White Star line steamer Majestic, which is to sail Wednesday from Liverpool for New York, will take among her passengers the Earl of Caithness and Gen. Sir William Nichoison, director general of military intelligence of the War Office, and Col. J. A. L. Haldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, who will accompany

the Japanese armies in the field. Not Bombarded by Russians. TOKIO, Saturday, Feb. 13.-A report to the effect that Matsuma, on the inland sea, had been bombarded by the Russian

Vladivostock squadron is untrue.